

Need for Publicly-funded Family Planning Services Met by the Family PACT Program

The Family PACT Program evaluation team at the University of California San Francisco began to report *met* need rather than *unmet* need in 2003, for FY 2001/02 reporting the percent of women in need of publicly-funded family planning whose needs were met through the Family PACT Program services.¹ This methodology does not estimate numbers of women whose needs for family planning are met through the Medi-Cal Program, although women do receive family planning services through this and other payer sources, including private insurance.

Three main sources of data were used to produce estimates of need met by the Family PACT Program. Estimates of women (aged 13-44) in California in need of family planning in 1995 were produced by the Alan Guttmacher Institute.² These data were projected forward using 1990 and 2000 Decennial Census data. Women are considered to be in need of publicly funded family planning services if they meet the following criteria:

- They are at risk of unintended pregnancy, i.e., they are sexually active, fecund, and neither intentionally pregnant nor trying to become pregnant, and
- They have incomes at or below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level (for women aged 20-44).

Family PACT Program claims data are used to determine the percentage of women whose family planning needs were met by this program. Women are eligible for the Family PACT Program if they are at capable of getting pregnant, have incomes below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level, and have no other source of health care coverage for family planning services. The Family PACT Program offers services to women through age 55. However, data used to estimate the proportion of women at risk for an unintended pregnancy surveyed women in the reproductive ages of 13 to 44. Therefore, estimates reported here do not include women 45 through 55 years old.

Table 1: Distribution of California Counties by Percent of Women in Need of Publicly-funded Family Planning Services and Percent of Need Met by the Family PACT Program, FY 2001/2002

Table 2: Ten Counties with Highest Number of Women in Need of Publicly-funded Family Planning, FY 2001/2002

Maps 1-3: Percentage of Need for Publicly-Funded Family Planning Services Met by the Family PACT Program, FY 2001/2002

Map 4: Target Counties for Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver, Family PACT Program FY 2003/2004

Table 3: Need for Publicly-funded Family Planning Services Met by the Family PACT Program in FY 2001/2002: Females Aged 13-44, Statewide and by County

¹ Godecker, Amy, Mary Bradsberry, Lindsay Wanek, and Denis Hulett. July 2003. *Family PACT: Meeting the Need for Publicly-Funded Family Planning in California, Fiscal Year 2001/2002*. University of California San Francisco, Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy.

² The Alan Guttmacher Institute. 1997. *Contraceptive Needs and Services, 1995*. New York: The Alan Guttmacher Institute.